

particular program and I agree completely with her. Let me tell you the history of the litter bill. They said the maximum it could ever raise, the maximum it could ever raise was about \$100,000 and that the administrative costs would be \$140,000. They gave a completely false and dishonest figure back when they were fighting the bill and if a Governor or an administrative agency wants to do that they can do that today. I projected back in those days based upon the information given to me that it would raise \$172,000. It's first year it raised \$183,000. The administrative costs were one-fifth of what they estimated at the Revenue Department they would be. They were on a par of accuracy with their bank tax work of this year by way of comparison. This year the litter tax is raising 400 percent, approximately, of its original projection. In other words, four times as much. Who contributes that? That is contributed, and I use the word contributed because if you think you're going to take money and run, like I say, I dare you, I dare you. I dare you to think you're going to steal this \$600,000 that's probably being donated more than anything. It's being donated at the basis of \$150 for each million dollars worth of business. That's where the money comes from to the tune of almost, well between five and \$600,000 this year. Now, what has it done? Well statistically if you read your information, it's reduced litter just about as much as anything. It really has significantly impacted the litter problem. Money out of the general fund which would have been spent to clean up litter, that money is not being spent and instead the litter program is cleaning up that litter. We came out number one in the United States in recycling when they did the comparisons of all the states on the recycling programs. So despite the fact that the bill started out as an ugly duckling, it has lived up to every promise ever made and it's done it in spades; 400 percent of the revenue that was promised, a fraction of the administrative costs that were threatened, it's done number one in the United States in recycling, it has proved a rather good measure and I would hope you extend its continued existence. However, if you choose to terminate it, then I would say you're also terminating the \$600,000 because that is being essentially donated. Then you spend your money out of the general fund and that's fine by me if that's what you want to do, but you're not going to be able to steal that money that was collected strictly on the basis of essentially donations for litter clean up...